Plan for assessing the progress with respect to the objectives laid down in the Plan has already been initiated by the Planning Commission.

(b) The Tenth Plan has envisaged a capacity addition target of 41,110 MW in the Power Sector. In first two years of the Tenth Plan *viz.* 2002-2003 and 2003-04, a capacity addition of 6824 MW has materialized which is about 17% of the Tenth Plant Target. The Target 2004-2005 is 5245.52 MW.

In regard to the Golden Quadrilateral Highway project, out 5846 kms, 2198 kms. have been completed and 840 kms. are under progress.

According to the Ministry of Port and Shipping, Sagar Mala project is in the formulation stage and is yet to be approved by the Government.

Cost overrun of projects

1776. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 274 projects currently under implementation in the Central sector are suffering from serious cost and time overruns;

(b) if so, what is the cost overrun of these projects on account of delay in execution; and

(c) the action plan of Government to control the constant time overruns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Out of 563 projects on the monitor, 274 are major projects costing Rs. 100 crore and above. As on 1st February 2004, 106 projects were delayed with respect to the latest approved schedule and had cost overruns.

(b) The cost overrun for 274 projects is Rs. 13,380.64 crore.

(c) Action Plan of the Government to control time overrun include the following among others.

(i) adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of project reports before investment approval;

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have been fully tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects by the Government or monthly/ quarterly basis;

(iv) setting up of Empowered Committees in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(v) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/ Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(vi) appointment of a nodal officer for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(vii) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

Delay in completion of projects

1777. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of Central sector projects remains sluggish despite Government's commitment to contain expenditure;

(b) if so, whether delay in completion of projects has resulted in cost escalation of 8 per cent to Rs. 218606 crore, according to latest estimate of the Centre;